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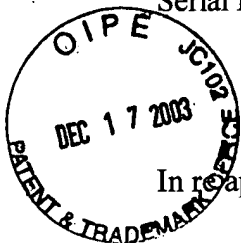
<u>In Re Application of</u> :	December 15, 2003
<u>Mark V. Pierson, et al.</u> :	Examiner: J.M. Mitchell
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<u>Filed: May 24, 2000</u> :	IBM Corporation
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<u>Title: <b>FLOATING INTERPOSER</b></u> :	Dept. 1Q0A/040-3, 1701 North Street
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Final Rejection of November 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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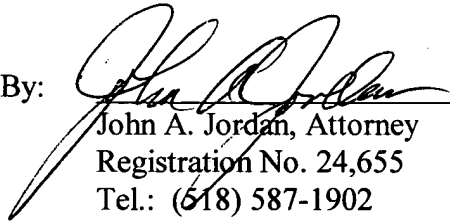
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Respectfully submitted,

Mark V. Pierson, et al.

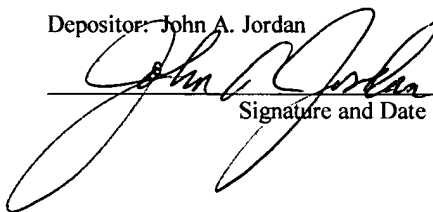
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